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AMENDMENT

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 Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to an Office Action mailed August 23, 2004, a response thereto being due on or before November 23, 2004. In view of the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, including fees for extensions of time, to Deposit Account Number 50-2117.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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